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Ravalli County Commissioners

December 18, 2008

Mr. James Rokosch, Chairman  
Ravalli County Board of Commissioners  
215 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A  
Hamilton, Montana 59840

Dear Mr. Rokosch:

This is to inform you that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, at its December 11, 2008 meeting, approved the proposal to change the name of Squaw Creek, located partially in Ravalli County, to Sin-tin-tin-em-ska Creek. The change has been entered into the Geographic Names Information System, the nation's official geographic names repository, which is available and searchable online at <http://geonames.usgs.gov>. The entry reads as follows:

**Sin-tin-tin-em-ska Creek**: stream; 15 km (9.3 mi) long; heads at 46°38'14"N, 114°03'20"W, flows N to enter the Bitterroot River, 12 km (7.4 mi) NE of Florence, 2.7 km (1.7 mi) SE of Lolo; the word *Sin-tin-tin-em-ska* is the traditional Salish-Pend d'Oreille name for the area and means "Where you rein your horse back"; Missoula County and Ravalli County, Montana; T11N, R20W, Principal Meridian; 46°44'07"N, 114°03'48"W; USGS map – Florence 1:24,000; Not: Squaw Creek.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lou Yost".

Lou Yost  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Names Committee  
U.S. Board on Geographic Names